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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ADDITIONAL ANC OFFICIALS SAID
TO BE DETAINED

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1. BISHIP ABEL MUZOREWA, PRESIDENT OF AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) OF RHODESIA, IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED AUGUST 1 THAT 20 ANC OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN PAST FEW DAYS AND NOT JUST SIX AS REPORTED EARLIER (REFTEL). MUZOREWA REPORTEDLY HAS DEMANDED THAT DETAINÉES BE BROUGHT IMMEDIATELY TO COURT.

2. AS OF AUGUST 1 MUZOREWA KNEW THE NAMES OF ONLY 11 OF 20 HE BELIEVED HAVE BEEN DETAINED. IN ADDITION
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TO SIX PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THEY ARE: MR. A. BHEBE,

DEPUTY NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY; ALFRED MPOFU,
DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MIDLANDS SOUTH; AND
REV. WEBSTER MUTAMBA, JOHN REDZO AND SOLOMON MANGOMA,
THREE MANICALAND ANC OFFICIALS.

3. ACCORDING TO RAND DAILY MAIL CORRESPONDENT IN SALISBURY, DETENTIONS HAVE "SMASHED THE ANC'S TOP ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE IN MATABELELAND AND MANICALAND AND THROWN THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN SALISBURY INTO DISARRAY."

4. SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT AUGUST 1, MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER DESMOND LARDNER-BURKE DEFENDED DETENTIONS, STATING HE HAD SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROVE THOSE INVOLVED WERE SECURITY RISK FOR RHODESIA. LARDNER-BURKE STATED ANC HAD ESTABLISHED A CELL SYSTEM THROUGHOUT RHODESIA WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE THROUGH VIOLENT MEANS. HE ALSO CLAIMED ANC WAS ATTEMPTING TAKE OVER CONTROL OF UNIVERSITY OF RHODESIA. LARDNER-BURKE STATED FURTHER THAT DETAINEES WILL NOT BE AFFORDED NORMAL ACCESS TO COURTS BUT WILL BE ALLOWED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO LEGAL REVIEWING COUNCIL CHAIRED BY JUDGE.

5. GOVERNMENT ACTION HAS BROUGHT SHARP CRITICISM FROM OPPOSITION CENTER PARTY, WHICH HYPERBOLICALLY ASKED WHETHER DETENTIONS HERALD A "RIGHT-WING COUP." MORE LIKELY, THEY ARE JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE, LIKE THE CLOSING OF BORDER WITH ZAMBIA, OF SMITH'S TALENT FOR ILL-TIMED AND CLUMSY ACTION.
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